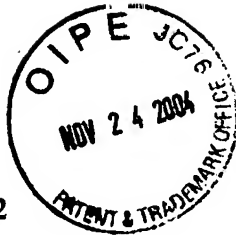


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Applicant respectfully inquires as to the status of the above-identified patent application, and when the next communication from the United States Patent and Trademark Office regarding this application can be expected.

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